

Application Number 10/028,257
Amendment dated August 23, 2005
Responsive to Office Action mailed May 23, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-16, 18-19, and 21-40 are pending in the application.

In this response, claim 21 is amended to properly depend from claim 18.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request further examination of the application and reconsideration of the rejection set forth in the Office Action dated May 23, 2005.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the inventive subject matter.

In response to this rejection, claim 21 is amended to properly depend from claim 18. Claims 22-23 depend from claim 21, so the amendment to claim 21 should ensure proper dependence of these claims as well.

In view of this amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-3, 5-16, 18, 19, and 24-40 are allowable in their present form. Applicants extend thanks to the Examiner for this indication of allowability.

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CONCLUSION

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims.

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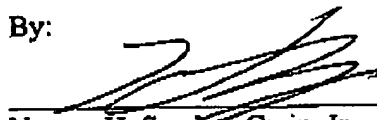
If questions remain regarding the above, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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